

Democratic County Convention.

The Democratic voters of the several election districts of Cambria county will meet at the usual place for holding elections on Saturday August 20th, 1893, at 1 o'clock P. M., and elect members of the county committee and delegates to the county convention to be held at the Opera House in Ebensburg on Monday, August 22nd, 1893, at one o'clock P. M.

The county convention will elect a chairman of the county committee, nominate a candidate for treasurer, two candidates for county auditors, one candidate for poor director, one candidate for jury commissioner and elect six delegates to the state convention.

The members elect of the county committee will also meet at the same time and place for organization.

Jas. G. Haxson, Chairman. Ebensburg, Pa. Aug. 7, 1893.

GOVERNOR MCKINLEY is busily engaged in explaining why the wicked Democrats are to blame because his high tariff on wool and wheat has not kept up the price of these articles.

THOMAS SETTLE, of North Carolina, who is only 28 years old, is the youngest member of the House of Representatives. He is by profession a lawyer and is said to be a forceful speaker.

The remarkable fact is called to mind in an article that will appear in the September Forum on Confederate Pensions that there are 400,000 more pensioners on the Government pension rolls than there ever were soldiers in the Confederate service.

The Pittsburgh Post says: Wool is now 14 cents a pound cheaper under the new McKinley free trade tariff for revenue the so-called free trade or tariffs for revenue only, extending from 1840 to 1861. And what is equally remarkable, instead of the McKinley bill cutting off foreign importations of wool they have largely increased under it. This hardly bears out the Republican idea that business protection is due to the domestic free trade in the future. If free trade was coming why should there be increased importations of wool at McKinley tariff prices?

PRESIDENT CHANCEY F. BLACK, of the Democratic society of Pennsylvania, has issued a circular calling attention to the general assembly to be held at Allentown, September 28. He says distinguished Democratic leaders will be present to address the delegates. A general attendance of regularly chosen delegates is urged. New societies will be received on the same footing as formerly, as no enrollment fee has been fixed. Secretary John P. Worman requests secretaries to observe carefully the requirements of the constitution relating to forwarding of lists of officers and members fifteen days before forwarding certified list of deputies. Secretaries are also requested to specify names and number of deputies who will attend the assembly.

The Democrats of Ohio accepted the challenge of the high tariff Republicans, whose candidate for Governor is William McKinley, of tariff bill fame, by nominating as their gubernatorial candidate, Lawrence Neal, of Chillicothe. Both the platform and the candidate are straight in line with tariff reform. Mr. Neal is one of the earnest and untiring Democrats of his state and his record has been steadily against "protection" which does not protect. He was the author of the tariff reform plank in the National Democratic platform adopted at Chicago, and accepts the McKinley challenge with eagerness and confidence. The State of Ohio was nearly won by the Democrats last November on the tariff issue, and the Democrats will enter the fight, with Mr. Neal as their leader, with a determination to secure entirely the triumph which they almost won at the last Presidential election.

The radical free silver men at Washington insist that the unconditional repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act in the Senate is an utter impossibility and that there is a small majority against it. Even were it otherwise, they assert, the free silver senators, who say that they will never allow the Sherman law to be wiped from the statute books until they obtain something better, can hold the Senate in check indefinitely without a closure rule in that body, and it is generally conceded that the adoption of such a rule cannot be carried. So that, just as in the case of the anti-option bill last session, when a handful of Senators talked that measure to death, the larger number of silver Senators can keep the Senate from coming to a vote on this bill, and the final result of the extra session's work may be the adoption of a compromise, the nature of which has not been decided upon.

EVIDENCES that the money market is easing up and that the people who have foolishly hoarded cash are returning it to the banks, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch, are noted from more than one quarter. Several examples of reopened accounts were reported yesterday, as the result of comparatively cursory inquiry.

This was sure to come. The withdrawal of money from active circulation was the result of temporary and baseless misapprehensions. The best proof of the foolishness of the distrust has been afforded by the unshaken condition of the banks and of business solvency generally. The recognition of this fact will bring the locked-up funds back into the market by the most powerful of motives—that of self-interest.

It is said that the turning point is reached. The distrust and mercantile operations may recede a few days, but the supply of loanable funds will steadily increase until a stringency gives place to a condition of ease.

THE Republican convention met here on Monday and nominated their county ticket. The convention had been pretty well set up before it met and as we predicted some time ago, F. H. Barker, was nominated for treasurer. Several weeks ago, when Mr. Barker first announced his intention of taking the nomination for county treasurer, he himself raised quite a commotion among the other candidates, and deep and loud were the mutterings against the grasping greed of the Barkers in reaching for everything that appeared in view.

The loudest candidate in his protestations several weeks ago, however, was the easiest reconciled and at the meeting of the convention on Monday, Coulter was the only candidate that it was necessary to lick and it was decided to take two or three ballots to do it.

On the first ballot Barker had 61, Coulter 304, Davis 254 and Miller 18. The second ballot Barker had 69, Coulter had 323, Davis 231 and Miller 12. The third ballot brought Barker 75, Coulter 414 and Davis 211, and Mr. Barker was declared the nominee.

For county commissioner Edmund James, of Ebensburg, would have suited the Barker side of the party much better than Commissioner Lloyd, but as they had themselves to look after in the present case and did not dare to fight Mr. Lloyd, Mr. James was allowed to take care of himself. That made his candidacy a mild one and Mr. Lloyd was nominated of the first ballot.

The ballot on commissioner was as follows: Lloyd 86; Wertz 61; Kennedy 114; James 42; Jones 12; Moran 22; and Hughes 414. On the third ballot Wertz was nominated.

For poor director, James Somerville, of Susquehanna township, who is a standing candidate was nominated.

For auditors, William J. Jones, of Portage, and James Daily, of Allegheny township, were nominated. Sheriff James Shumaker, of Ebensburg, W. L. Keedy, of Westmont, and W. P. Reese, of Johnstown, were elected delegates to the state convention.

Last week the new Democratic Rules were published in all the Democratic papers in the county. We trust by this time every Democrat has read and is familiar with them. We have but one opinion of them and that is soon told. They are too numerous and too heavy and should be amended at once.

That part of Rule 8 which relates to instructions should be abolished.

Rules 9, 14, and 19 should be abolished. A party having 1200 to 1500 majority might be able to worry along and carry the load of rules, but in a county as close as Cambria the convention should be allowed some discretion and should exercise close judgment.

Rule 19 prevents the consideration of any candidate unless he is registered and as the office hunters are pretty sure to be registered and the men whom the office should seek pretty sure to be not registered the rule is a bad one.

The situation in Cambria is such that a little judgment used by a Democratic convention in the selection of candidates might be of immense advantage to the party. To tie up the convention to the consideration of only such candidates as register themselves is to confine the wisdom of the representatives of the party to a very narrow sphere.

The Democratic convention should be allowed to register its candidates from the best material it can find, no matter whether the men selected are hunting after the office or not.

As the rules cannot be changed for a year, we believe it would be wise to have the amendments suggested offered at the coming convention and if concurred in, adopted by the succeeding convention.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S message to Congress, says the Philadelphia Times, puts to shame the moaning partisans and petty calamity mongers. It is bold, patriotic, statesmanlike and unanswerable. It probes the national wound to the core and prescribes the remedy so clearly that none can misunderstand it.

There is not the trace of the partisan in the brief but incisive message given to Congress and the country. It recognizes the solemn judgment of the nation on other vital issues; but it justly assumes that until we shall have an honest and impregnable financial system there can be no business confidence and no industrial or commercial prosperity.

The message calls a halt on dishonest money, and it is a call that the nation will respect and obey. Revolutionary or even disturbing measures are not proposed; but the way to a sound financial system is pointed without shock or injustice to any legitimate interest.

The lines of public and private credit and of all legitimate business will be at once steadied by the calm and patriotic utterance from the President and the clouds which hang so darkly over every enterprise will begin to give way before the welcome sunlight of renewed hope and energy. It is a message of deliverance to a sorely distressed nation, and it will reawaken faith in our country and in our people in every civilization of the world.

Light breaks at last, and there is every reason to believe that Congress will promptly respond to the appeal of the President.

On Monday President Cleveland appointed Captain George W. Skinner, of Fulton county, to be Pension Agent at Pittsburgh. Captain Skinner is editor of the Fulton county Democrat and at present represents that county in the legislature. He has the ability to fill the position and being an old soldier is the right man in the right place.

THE Washington Post suggests that as it was no time for fiddling when Rome was in flames, so it is no time for congressional yodelling when the country is suffering. But the speeches that have been prepared with so much care during the recess must be delivered or several able congressmen will explode.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 11, 1893. President Cleveland's message to Congress has been as closely scrutinized as any President's message ever was by members of Congress and it is evident that it is going to be a powerful factor in the financial legislation of the session. It apparently opposes the ideas of many Democrats in both House and Senate, just as his celebrated tariff message of 1887 did, but honest and conscientious belief is conspicuous in every sentence of it. And the attention of what are known as silver Democrats is more apparent than real, for they all agree with the President's recommendation for the repeal of the silver purchasing clause of the Sherman law, only differing as to what shall be substituted. The message recommends the repeal and leaves the question of a substitute to the wisdom of Congress.

The nine-tenths of the Democrats are certain that the recommendation as to repeal will be followed, and that other financial legislation, which will be equally satisfactory to the silver Democrats, will be agreed upon by the Democrats in both House and Senate and that the persistent efforts of the Republicans to split the Democratic party on the silver question will be of no avail. The President's message—"It gives twice who gives quickly"—the Democrats in the agreement to take up and decide the silver question without delay, and the appointment of committees and the election of rules. It will be easy to take the matter up without an agreement, only a majority vote being required. If an agreement is reached upon just what is to be voted upon and how much time is to be given to discussion much time will be saved that would necessarily be wasted if no agreement is made, to say nothing of the possibility of endless filibustering.

The silver men have in common decided to vote for the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law, if the bill for its repeal reaches the President's desk. If the bill is not such a ratio will be provided and maintain the parity between gold and silver. The fact that no particular ratio is mentioned is significant. It means that the caucus of silver Democrats did not believe it expedient to succeed in maintaining the present ratio of 16 to 1 and that they are willing to increase the ratio.

It is claimed that a careful poll of the House made this week, shows a majority of 35 in favor of the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman law. The Senate is more doubtful, and it is much more difficult to ascertain clearly the point to which the free coinage Democrats will vote, but strong efforts are now being made to bring the Democratic Senators together, and the indications point to success. A caucus of Democratic Senators this week appointed a committee of five—Gorman, Ransom, Gray, Voorhes, and Blackburn—to consider and report a plan with that end in view. The Republican caucus, on the other hand, is equally divided, and the Democratic caucus is equally divided.

The Senate committee on Finance, of which Senator Voorhes is chairman, held its first meeting yesterday. The committee did not lack for business, either, as more than a score of financial bills which have been introduced in the Senate have been referred to that committee.

The majority of the financial bills are metalists, but some of the most prominent of them, including the chairman, have declared their belief in the viciousness of the Sherman law and their willingness to vote for its unconditional repeal. The Senate is naturally deliberative in all its actions, so it will not be surprising if the House takes up the silver question before this committee reports a bill to the Senate. The resolution of Senator Lodge, of force bill fame, directing the committee to report a bill for the repeal of the Sherman law and providing that a vote should be taken thereon on the 22d of this month is only a bit of Republican lunacy, and adoption of the resolution would have surprised no one more than its author.

The latest pill in the President's message, for the Republicans to swallow, was the statement that he expected Congress to obey the will of the people and proceed to reform the impugned tariff as soon as the finances have been looked after. Because the treasury is empty, and the country by Republican financial legislation has so conspicuously forced themselves upon public attention of late, Republicans have allowed themselves to believe that the McKinley law can be undisturbed by this Congress. They know better now, and the knowledge doesn't please them.

Boarded N. H. Takes Flight. DOver, N. H., Aug. 12.—A bank is better after all than a barn for safekeeping, thinks farmer John Collins, of Berwick, Me., who mourns the loss of \$1700 in currency. Mr. Collins was called to the bank, fearing that the institution would fail. Yesterday he went to the barn to milk. He removed his coat and vest, containing the money and five dollars, and hung them on a cupboard. After completing his work he went to get his coat and vest, but they were missing. The robbery is supposed to have been committed by a tramp, who was probably concealed in the hay.

A Pointer for Swimmers. The sudden drowning of good swimmers is not due to cramps, says the New York Medical Times. There is nothing in a cramp in a leg to prevent an ordinary swimmer in supporting himself in the water by his hands or on his back, nor to cause him to throw up his hands and sink once for all like a stone. The explanation offered is that the drum of the ear is perforated and the pressure of water causes vertigo and unconsciousness. If this be the true reason, the ears should be protected with a stopper or cotton before a person goes in swimming.

Colonel Breckinridge Sued. WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Colonel William Breckinridge, the silver-tongued orator of Kentucky, and representative in Congress from the Lexington district, has been sued for breach of promise and seduction by Miss Madeline V. Follard of Kentucky. She wants \$50,000. It will be remembered that on the 18th of July Colonel Breckinridge was married to Mrs. Louise Wing of Louisville. Some time before that marriage there was published an announcement of the engagement of Colonel Breckinridge and Miss Follard, which was denied by Colonel Breckinridge.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 15.—The affairs of the Economites have reached a crisis. Trustee Duss has notified the employes that the society would be unable to pay wages any more to the servants, but if they wished to remain they might wear a month longer for their board. The decision will affect over 300 men, and it will be a very serious matter for many families.

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Blow Up the Batters. BEAVER FALLS, Pa., Aug. 14.—A fireball was prepared this afternoon which would have blown up the boys who were hunting for silver. Frank Graham, of Homewood, 17 years old, knew that three other boys were hunting ground hogs about a mile below the village. He got a can of blasting powder, attached a fuse, placed it in a little pile of rocks, and waited until the young hunters neared the spot. Then he lit the fuse and crept off to a safe distance. The boys were hunting for silver, and one of them, James F. Reed, aged 14, with James Carner, aged 17, approached the spot in a group. The boys were entirely unconscious of danger, and the young demon who watched them from his safe hiding place was close upon them when the can exploded, the explosion noising and burning them terribly and firing their clothing. Carner was knocked insensible, and his clothing, including his hat, was blown away. Reed was blown away and given an alarm. Dr. McAtter took the boys to the hospital. The other Reed boy was able to crawl away and give an alarm. Dr. McAtter took the boys to the hospital. The other Reed boy was able to crawl away and give an alarm. Dr. McAtter took the boys to the hospital.

NEWS AND OTHER NOTES. —By the collapse of a scaffold in Cincinnati seven men were badly injured, three of whom may die.

—Convicts made an attempt to blow up the Kentucky penitentiary with dynamite but were foiled.

—The Pennsylvania World's Fair commission has an unexpended balance of \$2000 to its credit.

—Mrs. Schipman, of Paterson, N. J., threw her infant child in the Passaic river and drowned herself.

—Several lives were lost and buildings destroyed by an earthquake along the Italian Adriatic coast.

—General managers of eastern lines have adopted a resolution to boycott the Wheeling and Lake Erie for rate cutting.

—Collins Hamilton, the accredited leader of the Laurel hill band of robbers in Somerset county, has been captured.

—Religious riot in Bombay between Hindus and Mohammedans, resulted in 50 persons being killed and 1,200 arrested.

—Five persons perished and four were fatally injured by the burning of the Senate hotel, a cheap Chicago lodging house.

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—John Shields, of Youngstown, has sued the Pennsylvania railroad for \$20,000 damages for injuries received while coupling cars.

—The robbers around Erie have been cutting bad ticks lately as a result of the people taking money out of the banks and hiding it.

—The new United States cruiser, Minneapolis, was launched at Philadelphia, Saturday. It is one of the finest vessels in the navy.

—James Watson, of Grove City, while drunk sat down on a railroad track for his remains were found strewn along the track for 50 feet.

—The forest fires in Michigan are raging as badly as ever. The city of Alpena was threatened yesterday, but happily the wind shifted.

—A Texas widow sued an editor for \$100,000. She gained the suit and then the editor married her in order to keep the cash in the family.

—President Cleveland's letter congratulating the pope on his golden jubilee, which was addressed to Cardinal Gibbons, has been received at Rome.

—The difficulty between the khedive of Egypt and Riaz Pasha, his prime minister, has been satisfactorily settled and the ministerial crisis is over.

—A body of armed men are hunting down the Moschinites, a gang of thieves and murderers, in Alabama. Three of the gang were caught and killed.

—The most splendid pair of shoes on record were those worn by Sir Walter Raleigh on great court occasions. They were of buff leather, covered with precious stones, and valued at \$25,000.

—On Sunday, Joe Cooley, aged 12 years, accidentally shot and fatally injured his 9-year-old sister, Maggie. The contents of a heavily loaded shotgun struck the right side of her face, tearing away the ear, eye and all the lower part of her face, a danger ball.

—The Ohio valley for miles is suffering from the greatest drought for years. Thousands of acres of corn have been ruined. Live stock is suffering for water, which is so scarce that it is a luxury. At the town of Peebles there is not enough for cooking purposes.

—Monroe Smith, a negro, criminally assaulted Mrs. D. E. Sears, a white woman, near Spring Hill, Tenn., on Sunday afternoon. A posse pursued him all night and captured him in the woods early this morning. After hanging Smith to a tree, the mob filled his body with bullets and then cast it into a creek.

—At a recent meeting near Ridge farm, north of Oakland, Md., on Friday night, a young man named Alexander, who is from Kentucky, became engaged in a quarrel with several of the local swains over a girl and in the fight that followed, Alexander was killed. He was a fine young man, one of whom will die. After the affray Alexander mounted his horse and fled.

—The state farm at Eganoke, N. C., employs more than 800 convicts, who have been put to work this season. There will be an enormous crop this season. The cornfield contains about 2,000 acres, and will yield about 100,000 bushels; the cotton crop be about 1,000 bales, more than 3,000 bushels of wheat have been harvested, and the pea crop will amount to about 10,000 bushels.

—The bodies of two unknown women were found on Sunday morning in Beck's Run hollow, under the Pittsburgh, Virginia and Chesapeake railroad trestle, near Pittsburgh. The skull of one was crushed and the other had a cut on her chin. Otherwise there were no marks on their persons. They were plainly dressed and about middle aged. The cause of their death is a mystery.

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